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Juvenile broad-winged hawks stand up in their nest. /NATE SMELLE Staff

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Birds of Prey expert aims to inspire others to care for nature

NATE SMELLE
County Life Staff

With different species of birds returning to the Haliburton area each day, naturalists throughout the county have their eyes to the skies and their ears perked to pick up the first signs of spring.

To add to this seasonal excitement, the Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists are hosting a presentation on birds of prey with master falconer Chris Ketola. During his presentation, Ketola plans to share the knowledge he has gained through his experience working with birds of prey from across Canada, focusing specifically on the 27 species of raptors found throughout Ontario.

To give attendees a better understanding of how unique each of these species is, Ketola said he will explain their life cycles and migration patterns, as well as what they eat and how they hunt. He said he will also be speaking about the various concerns and issues facing birds of prey in Ontario, and some of the conservation success stories.

"Looking at how each species evolves to fit into its specific niche in nature leads into why conservation is so important," Ketola said.

"If you change the habitat there are certain species that can adapt, but there are others who don't have the ability to adapt. When you allow for diversity of habitat, it allows for diversity of life, and that environment is stable – cycling and circling properly. Birds of prey are apex predators, and they need that diversity of habitat and species below them, so when the predators start to disappear that's in most cases a sign of problems below them in the ecosystem."

Since his early childhood, Ketola said he has felt drawn to birds of prey. Having the opportunity to grow up alongside an eastern screech owl that his parents rescued helped to inspire this passionate appreciation of nature, he said.

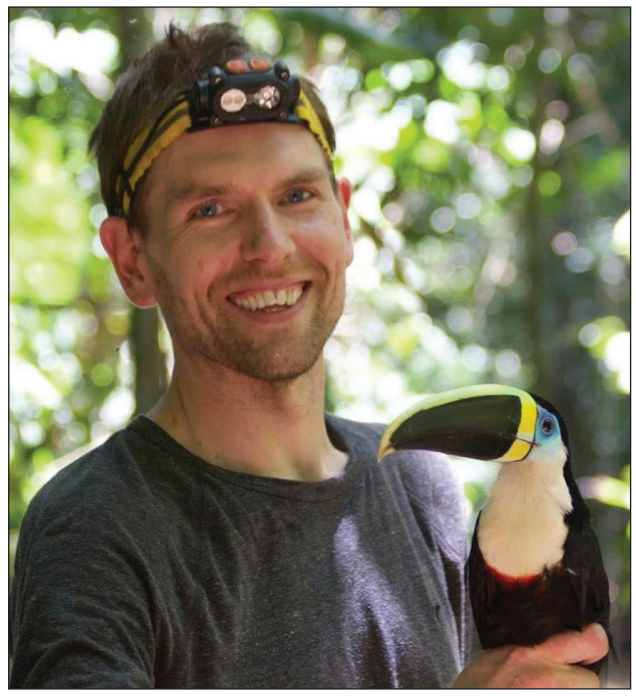
Because during the 1980s there were not many wildlife rehabilitation centres in the province, Ketola's family decided to open the Ontario Specialized Species Centre. Having worked closely with the rescued birds as the centre's managing director until 2016, he said he now spends as much time as possible teaching others about why birds of prey and their habitats need to be protected.

By helping to raise awareness about raptors and the importance of biodiversity, Ketola hopes to inspire others to care as well. He said the overriding goal of the public environmental education initiatives he leads is to bring these issues to people's attention, so they think about when they make decisions in life.

"Whether they're choosing to recycle, what kind of car to buy, who to vote for, or whatever it may be, it is good for people to keep nature in mind," he said.

"A lot of people today are disconnected from nature, now more so than ever, and that's a serious issue. It's easy for people to get wrapped up in their own lives, and not have time to experience and understand what nature is all about. So, if I can bring that to their attention, they might see things differently. Everything starts from education."

Ketola's Birds of Prey presentation will take place on Tuesday, March 20 at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre beginning at 7 p.m. Admission is free for HHFN members and $5 for non-members. For more information visit the Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists' website at www.hhfn.ca; or contact info@hhfn.ca.



Chris Ketola has worked with birds most of his life. He will be giving a talk on birds of prey in Minden on March 20./Photo submitted

A broad-winged hawk sits on her nest in this photo by reporter Nate Smelle. An upcoming talk will highlight the life cycles and migration patterns of birds of prey.

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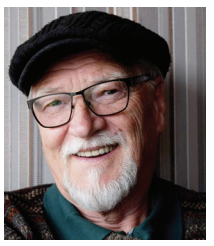
The Algonquin Highlands Jazz Quartet: music for all occasions

WHEN LOCAL sax man Stuart Elliott informed me he had just released a jazz CD, it really piqued my interest. I jumped at the opportunity to hear it, and meet with him to discuss this addition to the local CD collective.



GEORGE FARRELL
On Arts

For those not familiar with Stuart Elliott, here's a bit of background. Originally from Toronto, Elliot had been coming up here, to his parents' cottage, since 1955, and in 1980 he purchased a house near the log chute on Big Hawk Lake Road, where he lives with wife Monica.

At the age of four, Elliott started taking piano and voice lessons from his mother, who was a concert pianist. He practised piano for many years until he discovered that he had a greater affinity for the French horn and saxophone. Having mastered those instruments it wasn't long before he hit the road, playing sax, with the Fridgidaires, a rock/rhythm and blues band.

Elliott played on and off with the band from 1975 to the mid-'90s. During that time he was also working as a house painter and raising a family (three daughters), while also getting a psychology degree at York University. "I got about three hours' sleep at night," he said.

Elliott played with a variety of bands, including a Jamaican reggae band, jazz quartets, the iconic rock group Robbie Lane and the Disciples, and his own Dark Angel Blues Band. He did this for 25 years while also working as a session player on other people's albums.

But although he was playing a lot of contemporary music his heart was with the jazz and blues of the late 1940s. "I'm an old school guy," Elliott explained. He inherited his love of jazz and blues from his mother who, though classically trained, was always listening to the likes of big band maestros Count Basie and Duke Ellington.

Somewhere along the line Elliott became a public school and ESL teacher. He retired in 2015, and since then he has been restoring antique furniture.

"But underneath there was a burning need to do something myself, with great musicians," Elliott said. "I knew studio engineers at Hilo Studios in Toronto but I realized I also needed a team I could count on to make me look good."

The musical team he came up with consists of Doug Balfour from Toronto on keys, Philip May from Sudbury, on drums, and Gelertian guitarist Stan Russell. These were musicians Elliott was familiar with and they knocked off the nine tunes on the CD in seven hours. With *Music for all Occasions* Elliott said that he "wanted to feature jazz that is listenable, very melodic, and something that lets you have a conversation."

I would describe the CD as cool, smooth jazz. There are no extended solos, no hot licks, and no big moments of passion to overtake the sense of note-perfect mellowness.

"There is nothing that will drive people away," Elliott said. "I didn't want people to sit through 10 minute solos. The idea was to produce a CD that can be used at wedding receptions, dinners and special events."

The CD reminds me of my times hanging out at various cocktail bars and lounges in Toronto in the '70s and '80s, where there was a jazz combo playing in the background. You could have a conversation with your friend while appreciating the cool vibes at the same time. It was music that did not intrude into your conversation but became part of the experience. It's an experience sadly missing from today's music scene.

Music for all Occasions features classic numbers like "Take the A Train," "Swinging Shepherd Blues," "Watermelon Man," "Harlem Nocturn" and "Tequila;" all featuring Elliott's cool sax with understated, but tasty contributions from the other three band members. I particularly liked "Happy Bossa," an up-tempo bossa nova, and "Questions," which for me was evocative of a Parisian bistro in the 1950s. Both tunes were penned by Russell.

This is a CD that I would put on anytime while I worked around the house, while I was reading a good book, or entertaining friends. It's available at both locations of the Up River Trading Company, On The Spot Variety in Minden, Norm's Smoke House in Gelert, Just Wine and Beer in Haliburton, and at Canoe FM. It can also be purchased through the Haliburton County Folk Society.

Elliott hopes to be playing in the future at Music in the Park in Haliburton and at Pride in Minden. "At those events we can stretch out a bit musically," Elliot said. For bookings or lessons, you can reach Stuart Elliott at 705-489-4293.

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Strumming through winter

Ukulele players form a circle at Winter Folk Camp on Saturday, March 3 at YMCA Camp Wanakita near Haliburton. The four-day event offered music lovers of all walks of life an opportunity to receive instruction in various disciplines including song writing, playing the blues and Cajun music and using voice as an instrument. The event included a concert with Betty and the Bobs on Saturday night. Winter Folk Camp is a project of the Haliburton County Folk Society and Haliburton County Community Co-operative. /DARREN LUM Staff

Instructor David Woodhead works with music lovers to develop their ukulele playing.

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Bonnie Hughey rests on a prize hog. In 1901 the number of hogs was part of the assessment rolls, but later deleted.

Count your dogs

JOHN JAMIESON
Special to *County Life*

Most people have a vague knowledge of how their property is assessed and information collected. Main factors: size and number of buildings, size of lot, physical location, quality of construction, etc.

Opening an assessment journal from 1901 shows the data collected by the assessor was interesting: name and age of owner, occupation, number of children between ages five and 21, number of children between ages of five and 16, concession, total acres, acres cleared, total value of real and personal property, taxable income, number of male persons 21 to 60, dog tax (number of dogs, number of bitches), number of people in household, religion, number of cattle, sheep, hogs, horses, acres of woodland, swamp, orchard, garden and number of acres with fall wheat.

Jump ahead to 1955 and view the assessment roll. Everything seems to be similar except for the dog tax; a new heading appears, "spayed bitches."

But, although dogs are considered important for inclusion, cattle, sheep, hogs and horses have been dropped. Also deleted is number of acres under fall wheat, and number of children ages five to 16.

Also added in the 1955 assessment roll is a final heading, "remarks," which include such notations as poor dwelling, cottage on rock footings, mine building, hunting group, lake lot, high and steep shoreline and rough land.

Historical records and contemporary records can be searched in several location in Haliburton County. The Land Registry Office in Minden has a complete compilation of property history and past deeds. Swiping a credit card into a computerized database can retrieve much information. Staff are very helpful in assisting novices to the system.

The municipal office in Haliburton contains contemporary property information updated yearly. Likewise, the staff are very helpful in tapping into their database.

One cottage association was having problems finding the owner of a vacant piece of property and no person visited the property. Knowing the approximate location of the property, the staff pointed out the group of properties in the area and by elimination, the owner and address was found. Interestingly, taxes were being paid from Hong Kong.

Highland Grove Museum has access to old assessment journals for the Township of Cardiff (before amalgamation) from 1900 to mid 1950s. Tracking changes in the property can be followed. For instance in 1901, Thomas Covert at concession 22, lot 24, had six cattle, three sheep, one hog, three horses, and one dog on 200 acres of land. In 1904, Thomas had 100 acres with one cow, no sheep, six hogs, two horses and two dogs. A year later, Thomas has one dog and 11 bitches. In 1906, he has more land, now lot 24 and 25 up to 300 acres with one dog, but no other animals recorded.

The Highland Grove Museum is making a book on dogs, which includes photographs, name of owner and perhaps interesting stories. Material about any dogs in the Haliburton area, present or past, is being accepted. But the staff would like to hear suggestions as to why dogs seemed to have a dominate column in the old assessment rolls. Suggestions can be sent to Joanne Burroughs our museum historian: joburr50@hotmail.com.

John Jamieson is president of the Highland Grove Heritage Society.

Do something arty this summer

Registration is open for summer courses at Haliburton School of Art and Design.

More than 70 new courses have been added this year including kitchen and bath design; landscape painting – seasonal details; sculpture sheet metal forming; songwriting for guitarists; stone sculpting and more for youth to adult; life drawing and 3D model making; singing harmony by ear (workshop); and song writing from photographs (workshop).

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Top 10 things to do after a maple syrup spill

RIGHT ABOUT this time of year, many news features, internet posts and television spots are devoted to making maple syrup. And, of course, that's only right. After all, this is one of those miraculous traditions that connect us to the bounty of nature.

But there is a dark side too – and I'm not talking about Grade 4 syrup either. No, it's something else we've avoided all these years. I'm referring, of course, to what to do if you spill expensive maple syrup.

Here are 10 viable options.

1. Use your line of credit. Buy more.
2. Eliminate witnesses; move to a new town.
3. Avoid petting a cat or dog. Hairy palms are even harder to explain.
4. Quick! Soak it up with your pancakes.
5. If no one's around, run to the store and buy cheap corn syrup. Then refill the bottle and complain about the quality.
6. Blame the dog.
7. Yell "Don't eat the syrup!"and then point to a dead monkey that you have saved for just such an occasion.
8. Try to convince everyone that the spill was the result of a very brief earthquake or a temporary blip in our gravitational field.
9. Make up some story about how you are protesting cruelty to trees.
10. Clean it up with a cloth. When everybody leaves, wring it out over your pancakes.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

Second Try It Fair in the works

JENN WATT

County Life Editor

Organizers are working on a second rendition of the Try It Fair, an event that introduces people to ideas, tools, skills and technology they may not have encountered before.

"The Try It Fair has everything from 3D printing to body art to drumming to horseback riding to fly tying," says Noelia Marziali, community of making animator at Haliburton County Public Library.

The fair highlights the activities of "making," which encompasses high-tech gadgets like laser cutters or 3D printers, but also more traditional or hands-on pursuits such as knitting, pottery or gardening.

"What I love most about the maker movement is the way it celebrates learning by doing across an enormous spectrum," Marziali says.

"Debating the virtues of low-tech or high-tech making is beside the point. At the heart of making is to choose for yourself how you wish to express an idea or produce a product."

For those who are interested in sharing their skills as an exhibitor at the Try It Fair, the deadline to register is April 6. The event will be held simultaneously with the Volunteer and Wellness Fair. See www.haliburtonlibrary.ca for registration details. Exhibitors are not permitted to sell anything, but can use the opportunity to advertise their trade or business.

The fair will be held from 1 to 7 p.m. on May 4 at the athletic complex at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

For those interested in learning new skills or enhancing the ones they have, the library's branch services librarian Erin Kernohan-Berning points out there are many books available to borrow.

"The usual suspects about circuits and programming are all there, but did you know that we have books about building your own tiny house or garden shed? We also have books about making things that we might buy every day, never thinking about how they came to be: how to make bacon, crackers, pickles and beer. From going off-grid to home décor, we have books to get your living space the way you want. We have books on making clothing. And heck, if you want to build a hovercraft, we have a book on that too."

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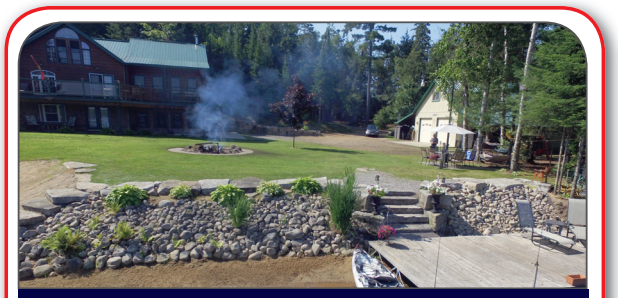

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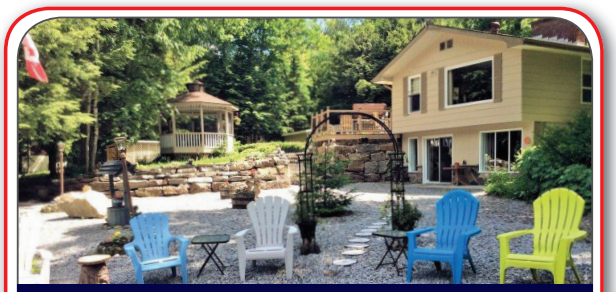

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Taxes, license, insurance, registration and applicable fees, levies, duties and, except in Quebec, dealer fees (all of which may vary by dealer and region) are extra. Option to purchase at lease end is $19,364. See dealer for details. Discounts vary by model. Dealer may sell for less. Limited time offer, which may not be combined with certain other offers. General Motors of Canada Company may modify, extend or terminate offers in whole or in part at any time without notice. Conditions and limitations apply. Offers may not be redeemed for cash and may not be combined with certain other consumer incentives. ®Registered trademark of The Bank of Nova Scotia. ~ 0% Purchase Financing for up to 72 months: Eligible 2018 GMC Sierra Double Cab Elevation Edition 4x4: Offer available to qualified retail customers in Canada on select new 2018 Sierra 1500 Double Cab Elevation Edition 4X4 from March 1, 2018 and April 2, 2018. 0% purchase financing (2.28% APR) offered on approved credit by TD Auto Finance Services, Scotiabank® or RBC Royal Bank for 72 months on eligible 2018 GMC models: 2018 Sierra 1500 Double Cab Elevation Edition 4X4. Other trims may have effective rates higher than 0%. Participating lenders are subject to change. Rates from other lenders will vary. Down payment, trade and/or security deposit may be required. Monthly payment and cost of borrowing will vary depending on amount borrowed and down payment/trade. Example: $39,420 financed at 0% nominal rate (2.28% APR) equals $547.50 monthly for 72 months includes $3,550 manufacturer-to-dealer cash credit (tax exclusive), $1,500 finance cash, $1,600 manufacturer-to-dealer Truck Month Credit (tax exclusive), $1,000 GM Card Application Bonus (offer applies to individuals who apply for a Scotiabank GM Visa Card [GM Card] or current GM Card cardholders) (tax inclusive) plus $750 OPD Credit. Cost of borrowing is $0, for a total obligation of $39,169. Freight and air charge ($100, if applicable) included. License, insurance, registration, PPSA, applicable taxes and dealer fees not included. Dealers are free to set individual prices. Limited time offer which may not be combined with certain other offers. General Motors of Canada Company may modify, extend or terminate offers in whole or in part at any time without notice. Conditions and limitations apply. See dealer for details. ®Registered trademark of The Bank of Nova Scotia. 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Participating lenders are subject to change. Rates from other lenders will vary. Representative finance example based on a new 2018 Sierra 2500 Denali HD Crew Cab 4x4 with Duramax Diesel Engine. Suggested retail price is $89,290. $0 down payment or equivalent trade-in required. $89,290 financed at 0% (0.2% APR) equals $1,162 per month for 72 months. Total Value consists of $3,272 manufacturer-to-dealer Delivery Credit (tax exclusive), $1,000 manufacturer-to-dealer Truck Month Credit (tax exclusive), $500 manufacturer-to-dealer Finance Cash (tax exclusive), and $1,000 manufacturer-to-consumer GM Card Application Bonus (offer applies to individuals who apply for a Scotiabank GM Visa Card [GM Card] or current GM Card cardholders) (tax inclusive). Cost of borrowing is $0 for a total obligation of $83,633. 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Athletes and volunteers needed for OSGA senior games

DARREN LUM
County Life Staff

Spring is on its way and it's time to sign up to compete or volunteer for district 11 (Haliburton and Muskoka area) towards the upcoming Ontario 55 plus Summer Games.

Sanctioned by the Ontario Senior Games Association, the games are an opportunity for anyone 55 and older to not only compete, but also meet new people with added benefits of physical activity and mental engagement.

There were close to 350 participants in the games from district 11 in 2017. This coming year from May 3 to June 21 there will be an opportunity to compete in athletic and non-athletic events such as bid euchre, duplicate and contract bridge, 18-hole golf, pickleball, tennis, shuffleboard, crokinole, carpet bowling, predication and Nordic walking and five-pin bowling.

The cost to register is $17 and allows you to enter one or all of the events in district 11 for the Summer Games 2018. There are additional fees related to bowling, golfing and pickleball.

Forms are available at the OSGA website under district 11 and participating locations such as local Legions, the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre, 241 Pizza in Haliburton and the Gravenhurst Seniors Centre. Deadline to register is April 16.

The top finisher at the district level advances to the provincial competition, the Ontario 55 plus Games where there will be 36 OSGA member districts represented in Mississauga from Aug. 10 to 12.

Top finisher at the provincial level this year advances and competes at the Canada 55 plus Games held in two years.

District 11 media relations representative Bev Kerr and co-ordinator John Kerr not only help to organize and promote events, but also compete.

The married couple first participated in the senior games to learn more about the community when they moved from Hamilton five years ago.

"We really didn't know anybody. We didn't know activities that go on throughout the week. We were able to find out that information," John said.

For Bev, it was all about engaging with the community on a deeper level.

Getting involved gave them a "a purpose for OK, tomorrow I'm going to bid euchre. The next day I'm going to shuffleboard or bridge. Then having nothing, like staying at the house [was not an option]," she said.

The benefits include physical and mental health and social connections they've developed.

There is a type of reunion that takes place at different competitions, particularly the Canadian level events.

"Once you're involved, in a few years you look forward to seeing people from different places in Ontario because you meet them there," John said.

The Kerrs compete as a team when they can.

This summer the Kerrs will be heading to the East Coast to represent district 11 in predication walking and Nordic walking (prediction with poles) at the Canada plus 55 Games. They will compete in St. John, New Brunswick from Aug. 21 to 24.

These competitions not only satiate the couple's desire to compete, but also provide a chance to learn about other communities.

Bev appreciates the opportunity to visit different communities in the province and in the country that she would otherwise not have a reason to visit.

The Kerrs usually compete in bid euchre and euchre, contract and duplicate bridge, cribbage, prediction and Nordic walking, shuffleboard and bocce.

Before they competed in the senior games, they had never played contract bridge and bocce. Now they are gold medal winners in bocce.

John thanked main sponsor Bank of Montreal, which helped with the purchase of T-shirts that will be worn by the district 11 competitors at the Ontario Senior Games.

Volunteers are needed as timers for the upcoming prediction walk event on Wednesday, June 6 in Haliburton.

Contact Mary Johnson at 705-754-1884 or Doug McIntosh at 705-489-3850 for more information.

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> — John Kerr

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Cleaning Services
Onondaga Camp, Minden, seeks 1 Staff SEASONAL (May-Oct) $14.00/hr
Onondaga Camp, Minden, seeks 2 Staff SEASONAL (June-Sept) $14.00/hr

We are looking for Cleaners to care for our facilities by providing a high standard of cleaning and light maintenance duties. The goal is to keep all facilities in a clean and orderly condition. Responsibilities are to clean and stock designated facility areas (dusting, sweeping, vacuuming, mopping, restroom cleaning etc.), carry out heavy cleansing tasks and special projects, notify management of occurring deficiencies or needs for repairs, stock and maintain supply rooms, cooperate with the rest of the staff, follow all health and safety regulations, knowledge of cleaning chemicals and supplies, familiarity with Material Safety Data Sheets.
Up to 40 hour work week Spring and Fall.
Up to 48 hour work week Summer (6 days).
Daily and Evening shifts available. (June-Sept)
NO ACCOMODATION PROVIDED.

Night Patrol
Onondaga Camp, Minden, seeks contract (May-June, September) $18.00/hr

We are looking for a Night Patrol staff to supervise Camp during the evenings. Hours are from 10 pm – 7 am. Onondaga offers Night Patrol to outdoor education groups who require it when they have students on site. A Clean Criminal Record Check is required. Responsibilities include supervision of site through routine patrol, supervision of clients, collection and logging of nightly occurrences, clear communication with staff, faculty and students. The Night Patrol will identify any issues throughout the evening; immediately notify Onondaga Staff and Faculty to ensure safety of students, staff and site. This is NOT a full time position. Shifts and weekly hours vary.

If you wish to apply, please send a resume to Matt Brown/Site Manager at matt@onondagacamp.com. Please feel free to contact at (705-286-5025)

A truly Canadian summer tradition, Onondaga Camp offers an extraordinary environment for kids to play, explore, achieve and grow. Situated on the shores of Middle Bob Lake near Minden, Ontario, Onondaga inspires the best in outdoor fun, learning and adventure for girls and boys from six to 16 years old. Building on our legacy in this rustic northern setting, we are a progressive camp with fully modern amenities, offering the kinds of activities that kids today really want. Onondaga Camp values the diversity of people. We welcome and encourage applications from all people.

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UPCOMING Community Events

PARISH HOME INSPECTIONS

Want to get your event in Community Calendar? It's free! Contact Pat at classifieds@haliburtonpress.com.

Upcoming Events

Haliburton Highlands Land Trust Discovery Days 2018

Reptile Road Show
When: Saturday March 17, 10 a.m. to noon
Where: Haliburton Fish Hatchery
The knowledgeable folks from Scales Nature Park will bring a variety of snakes and turtles for us to see, touch and learn about. It's a chance to get up close and personal with some amazing reptiles. The show starts right at 10:00am. Tickets must be purchased online at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca under the Events tab, or at our office, call 705-457-3700. Funded in part by TD Friends of the Environment.
Admission $15 adult, $10 child 12 and under, family pass $30.

Minden United Church St. Patrick's Beef Stew & Biscuit Dinner

When: Saturday, March 17 from 5 to 7p.m.
Where: Minden United Church, 21 Newcastle. St., Minden
Cost: $15 adults, Children 6-12years $10, Under 5 years no charge, $30 family (4 or more)
Tickets:At Minden Pharmasave, or by calling 705-286-3026, or at the door

Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists Canada's Birds of Prey and Their Incredible Lives

When: Tuesday, March 20, 7 p.m.
Where: Minden Cultural Centre, 176 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden
Join Chris Ketola, a Master Falconer and former Managing Director of the Specialized Species Centre, a centre dedicated to the captive propagation and reintroduction of threatened and endangered wildlife

After the Storm (two sessions)

Practical solutions for navigating your life following the death of a loved one
When: Wednesday, March 21
Where: Haliburton Museum in Haliburton from 10 a.m. to noon AND Hyland Crest auditorium in Minden from 2 to 4 p.m.
Join guest speakers in an open conversation about services available, resources to use and useful strategies to help you sort through the aftermath of loss, including grief and bereavement supports; palliative care insights; book-keeping and other administrative tasks you may need to know.
Registration to attend this free event is required.
Contact: 705-457-2941 x 2922 or email nbrownsberger@hhhs.ca

100 Women Who Care Spring Meeting

When: Thursday, March 22, 6:30 to 8pm
Where: Dominion Hotel, Downtown Minden
We are 100 Women Who Care Haliburton County. We meet for 1 hour three times a year. We raise money for local charities in our county. This year we have raised over $17,000 for three local charities. If you are a woman who cares why not come and see how we do it - It's Awesome!

Maker Hub days with Community of Making Animator

When: March 22, 10:30 am to 4:30 p.m.
Where: Dysart Branch Maker Hub, Centre for Making at HSAD, Sticks & Stones Production and Canoe FM by call N. Marziali at the Dysart Branch Library at 705-457-2241.
HCPL is offering guidance and tools to begin that project you have in mind.
Introduction to the Maker Space tools. Noelia begins the day at the Centre for Making at HSAD but we can arrange to meet wherever required

Free Photos with Easter Bunny
Face Painting
Balloon Creations
4th Annual CURRY CHEVROLET
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Friday March 30th @ 10:00am
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Bring along your Easter baskets for a fun hunt with your family!
Register at https://curryegghunt.eventbrite.ca
Any questions contact Cheryl Smith @ 705-455-2500
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Legion Events

Branch 636, Minden

Monday – Thursday Lunch 12 to 2 p.m.
Tuesday Special liver day, regular menu also.
Friday 12 to 2 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m., Fish, Chicken Wings, Fries and Onion Rings.
Daily events:
Monday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Haliburton Highlands Rug Hookers. (every two weeks)
Tuesday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Senior art group. 1:00-4:00, Bid Euchre,
Wednesday 12:00- Meat Draws, 4 butcher quality meats for $1.00 a ticket. 1 to 4 p.m., Ladies Darts, 5 to 7 p.m. Calorie Counters.
Thursday 7 p.m. Darts. 7 p.m. Euchre
Friday Every second week, Karaoke with Fred and Linda, 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.
Saturday Special Lunch every week with meat Draw at 1 p.m.
Sunday Sports Day 12 to 4:30 p.m.

Branch 624, Wilberforce

Friday Pool 1:30 p.m.
Spaghetti dinner 5 -7 p.m.
Saturday Meat Draw 2 p.m. Early Bird 3 p.m. Sharp, St. Patrick's Dance $5 cover, DJ Mike, 9 p.m. to close
Monday Bid Euchre 7 p.m. Beginners welcome.
Wednesday Fun Darts 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome

Branch 129, Haliburton

Dave Allen, PRO 705-457-2571
Mondays: Bridge every Monday at 1p.m.
Tuesdays: Tuesday Night Dart League starting at 7p.m.
Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1 p.m. start Bingo Doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo starts at 7 p.m. - $500 Jackpot, $1000 Jackpot - last Wednesday of the month.
Thursdays: General Meeting third Thursday of the month starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend. Ladies Auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
Fridays: Cribbage 1 p.m. start, Meat Draw Five Draws, Five Prizes each draw, First draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw - 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $2 per draw. Chester Howse, MC Friday fun darts - 4:30 p.m. onwards
Saturdays: 50/50 Draw 4 p.m. draw, Tickets are $1 each from noon onwards
Sundays: Breakfast Second and fourth Sunday of the month – 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. $6 per person. Occasional volunteers are needed.

St. Patrick's Day luncheon in the Main Hall Friday March 16, 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. Irish stew, coleslaw & dessert prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary for only $10 per person/$5 kids 12 and under.
Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at **(705) 457- 2571**, email **rcl129@bellnet.ca** or visit **haliburtonlegion.com** Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129, everyone is welcome!

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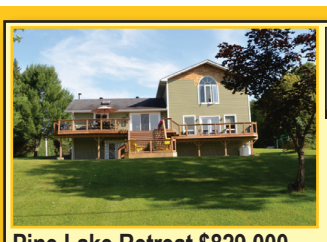
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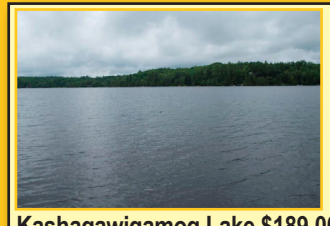
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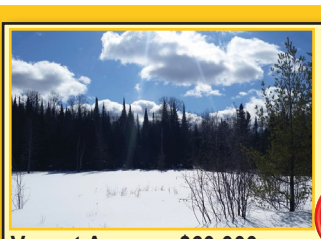

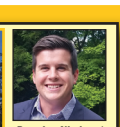

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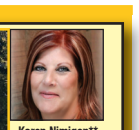
Vacant Acreage $60,000

- 37.5 acre parcel to build your home or cottage granite rock driveway, cleared building site
- Fronting on pond, abundance of wildlife



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Haliburton Starter Home $189,900

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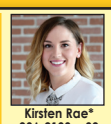

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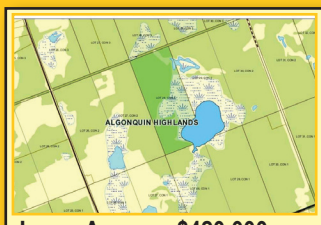

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Large Acreage $420,000

- 198 Acres of pasture & woods
- Small Pond & stone walls
- Driveway in, ready to build

Greg Stamp*
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SOLD

Soyers Lake Estate $1,690,000

- Point lot, nice beach area w/600 ft fr & 1.47 acres
- Yr-round, 4 bdrms, 2.5 baths, att'd dbl car garage
- Open concept, lrg principle rooms, 2 stone FPs

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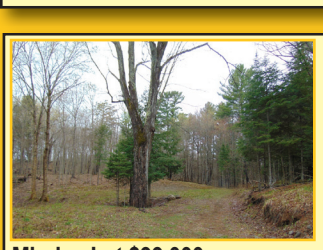

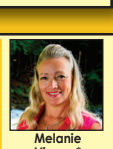

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Minden Lot $99,000

- Just North of Minden
- 3.5 Acre Lot, 778' Road Frontage
- Driveway In, Hydro @ Lot Line

Tom Wilkinson**
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NEW LISTING

Cameron Lake $650,000

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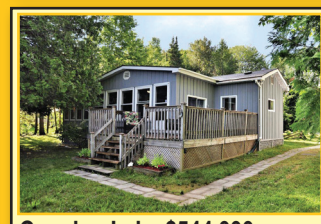

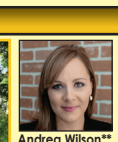

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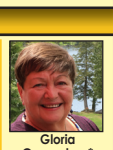

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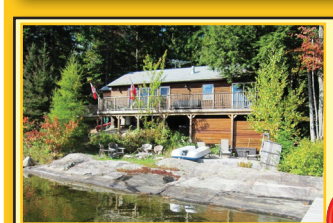

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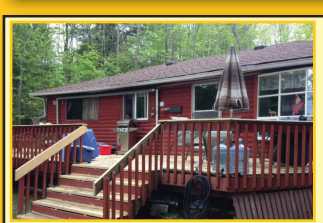

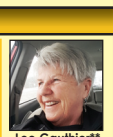

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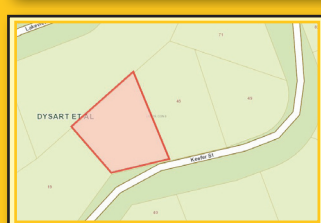

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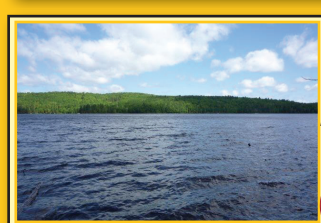

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From left, Bancroft scouts Tim and Silos, who both won gold in their divisions, prepare for an all-the-marbles race. / SARAH SOBANSKI Special to County Life

Scouts Canada 1st Bancroft and 1st Haliburton Beavers and Cubs watch anxiously as their home-built race cars zoom down the rally ramp at Bird's Creek Public School Feb. 24.

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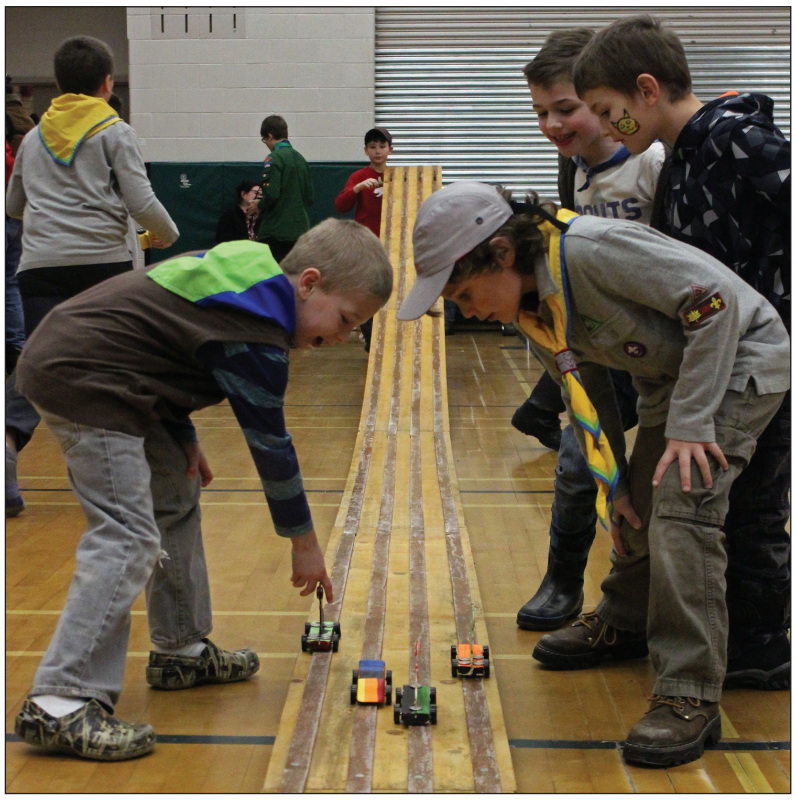

Scouts divisions compete in car races

From left, Haliburton scout Henry asks Bancroft scout Bryant for a photo finish after a close race between the two.

1st Bancroft and 1st Haliburton Beavers and Cubs hold up their medals and awards after a day of racing at Bird's Creek Public School. Sponsored by Robbies Hobbies, Bancroft Foodland and Alice's Pantry, the rally races were the first in a long time that brought Scouts Canada divisions together from other counties, according to scout leaders. / SARAH SOBANSKI Staff

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Young opera singer wins prestigious prize

JENN WATT
County Life Editor

Soprano Lauren Margison, a fixture of opera in the Haliburton Highlands, says she's still in shock after being chosen as one of six winners of the George London Foundation Awards competition in New York City.

The competition highlights the voices of young opera performers and had more than 150 applicants. Of those, 72 were invited for live auditions. Seventeen were chosen as finalists, according to a press release from the George London Foundation for Singers.

Margison, 25, was among two other Canadians and three Americans to win the contest and take home $10,000.

"Winning the George London competition is one of the greatest honours of my career, and life," said Margison in an email.

"I am honestly still slightly in shock about the whole thing. However, it has given me a wonderful vote of confidence, and renewed drive to push forward and continue to better myself as a singer, and a person."

Those in the Highlands will remember Margison from Highlands Opera Studio's *Faust*, where she played Marguerite, and *Cosi fan tutte*, where she played Fiordiligi. In December she performed in the original Indigenous opera, *Mishaabooz's Realm*, staged in Montreal and Haliburton.

Margison is a member of Atelier Lyrique de l'Opera de Montreal and is set to join the Canadian Opera Company's Ensemble Studio this year.

"The Canadian Opera Company Ensemble is one of the most prestigious young artist programs in North America. It is similar to the one that I am completing this year with the Montreal Opera," she said. "It is a very high level professional training program that gives young singers on the cusp of their careers the polishing and stage experience they need to break into the full-time professional world."

It's a salaried position for two years starting the third week of August through to June each year.

Margison's parents Valerie Kuinka and Richard Margison are the general director and artistic director respec-

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Lauren Margison rehearses her role as Marguerite with Montreal's Pasquale D'Alessio as Faust in this 2016 photo. Margison is a familiar face in the Highlands for her work with Highlands Opera Studio. She will be joining the Canadian Opera Company Ensemble starting this August./DARREN LUM Staff

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tively of the Highlands Opera Studio. Richard is a tenor, while Kuinka is a stage director and violinist.

However, despite their artistic backgrounds, Lauren Margison said her parents didn't put any expectations on her to pursue the family business.

"They honestly never pushed me towards the arts. [They] facilitated my own self discovery and were incredibly wonderful and open to whatever it was that I felt passionate about," she said.

Her first foray into music wasn't opera at all, but singing Backstreet Boys, Britney Spears and the Spice Girls in an exclusive kitchen performance for her parents at age 10.

"That is when they realized that I may have a bit of performer in my blood," she said.

"During my teens, I really fell in love with jazz music and ended up being part of a group called Real Divas, which was formed by jazz legend, Bill King. … At age 18, I realized that opera was truly what my heart called to."

Competitions offer exposure for young opera singers, but Margison says there are many who enter and don't make it through who are high level performers.

"Even if you don't win, you never know who hears you and falls in love with your voice," she said. "I haven't done too many competitions; less than five so far."

Although Margison is about to join the Canadian Opera Company in August, she still intends to join the Highlands Opera Studio this summer.

"I couldn't imagine a summer without it, nor would I ever want a summer without it! Sadly, I was unable to accept the role of Mimi in *La Bohème* as it conflicts with the starting date for my contract with Canadian Opera Company, however I will be participating in concerts and masterclasses until [August] 19! I know that my parents have found a group of wonderful artists for *La Bohème* and I will be very sad to miss it and especially sad not to work with my mother who will be stage directing *La Bohème*."

Asked if she gets nervous before her stage performances, Margison said she embraces the jitters and channels them into her singing.

"Before I go onstage, I feel electrified and excited beyond belief," she said. "It is an incredible rush."

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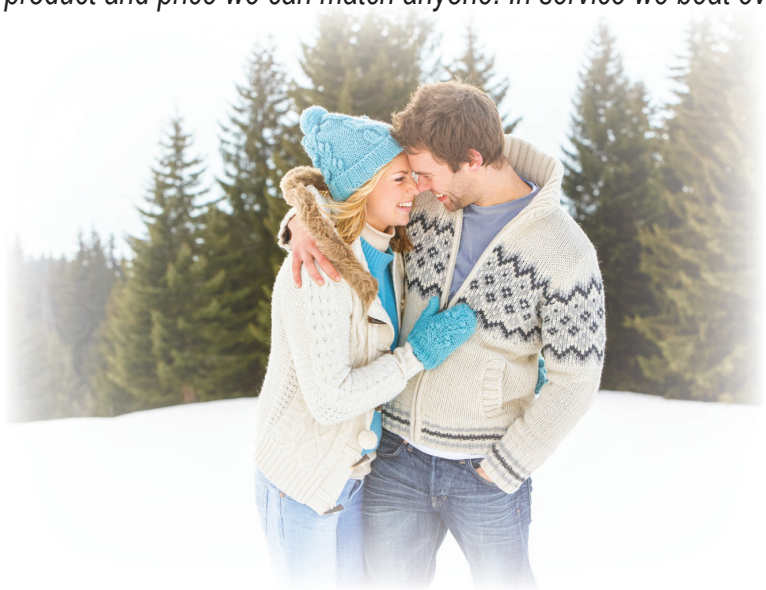

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Retail and ad seminar planned

Algonquin Graphics Ltd., publishers of the Haliburton County Echo and Minden Recorder, is sponsoring a retail and advertising seminar, Wednesday, May 4, at the PineStone Inn.

There is no charge for the seminar, which will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Conducting the seminar will be Professor R.A. Marcus, an associate of the Marketing Institute of Canada, and Professor of Marketing at McGill University School of Business.

Professor Marcus is well known in the marketing circles and conducts regular marketing seminars for small businesses as well as acting as a marketing consultant for major retail corporations.

Special guest luncheon speaker will be David L. Gray, a partner in the accounting firm of Dawson and Gray. Mr. Gray will be speaking on the role of the accountant in the Haliburton County Business Community

Ronald Hore, Manager of the Bank of Montreal in Haliburton, will also speak during the luncheon. His topic will be the chartered bank's role in the Haliburton Business Community.

John Zylstra, president of Algonquin Graphics, urges all businessmen to attend. "This is an exceptional opportunity to gain first hand information that will help to increase your share of the market potential", he said.

Teamwork produces results, Saturday at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Tracy Bennett, Kathy Crofts and Bev Jones clean up a car to help raise money for the grade 11 history trip that will take H.H.S.S. students to Ohio on Thursday. Students were washing cars Sunday as well in two locations. They have raised enough money themselves for a first class trip that may also provide some exciting discoveries as the students examine unexplained earthworks and serpent mounds.

Councillors fear service problem in health care

At least two members of Haliburton County Council are under the impression that there is a service problem between the Victorian Order of Nurses, the Public Health Nurses and the residents of the county.

Sinclair Nesbitt, Reeve of Stanhope Township, said that he is concerned about doctors in the county not using the nurses.

Doug Pritchard, Deputy Reeve of Anson, Hindon and Minden agreed with Mr. Nesbitt. Both admitted that there are some problems with the service.

Reg Booth, Reeve of Anson, Hindon and Minden, said that he is concerned about the Victorian Order of Nurses. He said that his municipality is part of VON and it should be deleted if the people aren't getting the service.

Reeve Nesbitt noted that "We are paying for something we aren't getting at all from the VON or the Health Unit.

Keith Tallman, Deputy Reeve of Monmouth Township, the county's representative on the District Health Unit, said that the VON and the District Health Unit are different services.

He told the council that with the District Health nurses the service has to go through a doctor or the Ontario Hospital Plan will not cover the visits.

He pointed out that the unit is presently trying to educate the doctors to use the service.

Reeve Nesbitt said that the problem does seem to be getting the doctors and the Health Unit together.

Shoreline allowance

Clarification on status

Lutterworth council has sent a letter to Bill Scott, MP Victoria-Haliburton, to request a clarification of the legal status of the 66 foot shoreline allowance.

Lutterworth Reeve, Pat Conaghan, said Monday that he is of the understanding that the 66 foot allowance is under federal and not provincial jurisdiction, according to his reading of Section 637 of the Municipal Act.

Mr. Conaghan said that he hopes to have an answer in a couple of weeks on whether the land is properly under federal control. The provincial Ontario Municipal Board at present takes jurisdiction over the sale and transfer of such road allowances.

Mr. Conaghan said that a law firm that was asked to interpret what the Reeve feels is a relevant section of the Municipal Act replied that they were unable to interpret the passage or give a definite answer without more research.

The confusion surrounding the 66 foot allowance is one that Reeve Conaghan would like to see cleared up for the sake of property owners who have buildings on the 66 foot section and cannot have a registered sale of their land for lack of a deed.

He noted that Lutterworth council has granted seven building permits while he has been in office to allow construction within the required set back considering these minor variances to be necessary and acceptable in the circumstances.

The appeal has been made to Mr. Scott with the hopes that some clarification may come for the federal level.

The municipality hopes to have a representative of the Ministry of Housing present at a special meeting of council on Monday to clarify that Ministry's position on the issue.

Ministry upholds county decision

Lutterworth Council has received what could be called a setback in their quest to have shoreline road allowances closed.

A letter sent to Lutterworth Clerk Beverly Millar from the Ministry of Housing stated that there is no appeal from the Haliburton County Council decision not to endorse a bylaw from the township to close down shoreline allowance.

The letter was read at county council Wednesday.

The letter was sent in a reply to a letter from Lutterworth asking what recourse the township has to the county council decision.

Reeve Pat Conaghan said that the council would be pursuing the matter further.

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Discussion should have been closed

Sinclair Nesbitt, Reeve of Stanhope Township, feels that a discussion at the Haliburton County Council meeting, last March, should not have taken place in a public session.

Reeve Nesbitt was referring to a discussion about the payment for the care of a youngster in Lutterworth Township under the Juvenile Delinquent Act.

He said that the local newspapers might as well have printed the youngsters name. He said that the youngster has been getting a hard time at school since the story appeared in the newspapers.

Concerning the payment to keep the child it was noted at the April meeting of the county council that an announcement is expected soon from the province concerning how much that body would pay for the keep of children under the Act.

Dysart et al Reeve, Murray Fearrey, said all the county has to do now is pay until July 1 and then the problem is over.

Lutterworth Reeve, Pat Conaghan, said that the county should attempt to recover some of the money it will have to pay if it is possible.

Lease up for registry offices

A 10 year lease agreement the Ministry of Government Services has with Haliburton County, for the use of part of the county offices, as a registry office, has expired and now the county will have to wait to see what the next agreement will be.

Sinclair Nesbitt, Reeve of Stanhope Township, said that he wouldn't step into the situation easily. He pointed out that the building was 100 percent subsidized by the province and the county wouldn't get anything if it was sold.

County Clerk, Wynn Lahay, said that she doesn't think it is a question of the Ministry buying the building. She pointed out that they are interested in another lease agreement.

Reg Booth, Reeve of

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Top student communicators picked at public speaking contest

The ability to communicate, to express thoughts and feelings, does not come naturally to most but is learned. The skills of spoken communication have been very well learned indeed by a number of students from across the county who participated in an oral communications competition that finished Monday evening with winners named at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

In what the judges honestly said was a difficult decision, Michele Lewis of Highland Grove was picked as the top speaker at the elementary level, and Paul Madden of West Guilford was awarded top honours from the secondary finalists.

Michele is 13 and in grade eight at Cardiff, and Paul is 14, a grade 10 student at H.H.S.S.

The winners were presented with individual plaques by Richard Poole, Chairman of the Haliburton County Board of Education. The awards were the personal donation of the members of the board.

Pens were given to all contestants and Robert Penfold, a teacher at H.H.S.S. also made a presentation of silver dollars to the students on behalf of the teachers. Kay Finley, a teacher in Cardiff, presented certificates to the elementary finalists.

At the secondary level, Gerri-Lee Agnew, 15, and in grade 10, of Wilberforce, Deborah McCarron, 16, of Minden, in grade nine, and Anne Edwards, 15, of Haliburton, also in grade nine, were the other contestants.

Cameron Monk, 14, of Minden, and in grade eight at Archie Stouffer, Beth Brown, 13, of Dorset and in grade eight, and Kim Ward, 13, of Haliburton and in grade eight at Haliburton Senior Elementary were the elementary finalists.

Students have been preparing for the final competition for many weeks.

They were asked to read a passage from a book of their choice, deliver their speech and then face a two minute question period as Mrs. Finlay and Audrey Chambers, a Minden teacher, asked the contestants about matters relating to their topics.

The competition required self assurance and an ability to think quickly and speak well. All the students did well, and judges had a particularly hard choice to make since some excelled at one of the three areas more than others, and a winner still had to be chosen. Subject matter ranged from Big Macs to Olga Korbut.

Students were judged on their reading ability, articulation and vocabulary, as well as their audience contact.

The aim of the competition is to judge the ability to communicate subject matter to others and, as moderator Stuart Baker noted, to demonstrate some enthusiasm for reading.

The judges were the Reverend Trevor Denny, of Haliburton, Sid Cooper of West Guilford, a teacher at H.H.S.S., andGretaKellet, a former teacher and now a supply teacher.

Mr. Cooper, spokesman for the judges, mentioned that especially at the secondary level the readings seemed to be somewhat bloodthirsty, perhaps, he noted, a sign of the times. Readings given at the elementary level were judged to be more enthusiastic and imaginative in choice and delivery.

The winning speakers chose as their well researched areas, issues that sparked a good deal of discussion. Paul spoke on an ecological matter of chemical contamination of cattle, and Michele caught the judges interest by speaking about the social and economic problems in the Haliburton area.

The contest was sponsored by the Haliburton Board of Education in conjunction with the teachers' federations in the county, all of whom wanted to see the public speaking continued within the area, although it is no longer sponsored on a province - wide basis.

These are the finalists who spoke Monday in the Haliburton County oral communications competition. Michele Lewis of Highland Grove was named the top speaker at the elementary level and Paul Madden, West Guilford, was chosen for first place from the secondary school contestants. The judges were faced with a difficult decision to make among (front row) Michele, grade 8, Gerri-Lee Agnew of Wilberforce, grade 10, Kim Ward, haliburton, grade 8, Beth Brown, Dorset, grade 8, (back row) Paul, grade 10, Deborah McCarron, Minden, grade 9, Anne Edwards, Haliburton, grade 9, and Cameron Monk, Minden, grade 8.

Dysart clerk, Wayne Wood, and Emil Neimann of the Loyal Orange Lodge, of Haliburton, exchange a cheque for $500 donated to the Dysart arena fund. Mr. Wood noted that anyone at the municipal office will take in donations large or small for the project, as the municipality is acting as treasurer. Thanks from all go to organizations like the Lodge who have been able to be so generous in their contributions.

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